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May 14, 2014

Office of General Counsel Federal Election Commission 999 E Street N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463 MUR # 6820

Dear Office of General Counsel:

I am in possession of information that gives rise to serious questions about possible violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the "Act") and Federal Election Commission regulations by Buddy Carter for Congress (FEC ID: Coo543967). These allegations include the use of nonfederal state campaign committee funds to pay staff salaries for electioneering purposes in a federal election and transferring funds from the nonfederal committee to the candidate's federal campaign committee.

Since announcing his candidacy for federal office, Buddy Carter has continued to accept contributions prohibited by federal law into his state campaign account and has disbursed said funds in violation of federal law and for purposes related to a federal election.

The Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act (BCRA) prohibits federal candidates from accepting any contributions or disbursing any funds that do not comply with federal limits. Furthermore, candidates may not disburse funds in connection with a federal election that are not reported in accordance with the Act. Buddy Carter's state campaign disclosure reports show that he both accepted prohibited contributions and made disbursements in connection with a federal election in violation of federal law.

These violations indicate either incompetence on behalf of the Carter campaign or worse, willful violation of the law. We urge the Commission to immediately investigate these matters fully and take any and all action necessary to remedy these violations and prevent additional violations of the law.

Violation #1: Acceptance of Prohibited Funds accessed

Buddy Carter announced his candidacy for federal office on May 6, 2013 and announced he would not be running for reelection to the Georgia State Senate choosing instead to run for the US House of Representatives. He filed his statement of candidacy with the FEC on April 23, 2013. Since that time, his state campaign committee has accepted several contributions from sources prohibited by federal law. See Exhibit A.

Federal law prohibits a candidate for federal office from receiving funds in connection with any non-federal election from sources that are prohibited sources under the Act. 11 C.F.R. §300.62. By accepting these contributions into his campaign account, Buddy Carter has violated federal law.

<u>Violation #2: Misuse of Nonfederal State Committee Funds</u>

It has come to my attention that at least \$12,074.00 in salary has been paid from Buddy Carter's Georgia state campaign account to his federal campaign staff and consultants.

Please see Exhibit B where Sarah Varadin, a staff member for the Carter campaign, self-reported the commencement of her employment with Buddy Carter for Congress in mid-2013 on LinkedIn. Exhibit C shows payments to her from the state campaign and simultaneous disbursements from the federal campaign account.

Phillip Fordham was paid his salary from the state campaign account from April 24, 2013 through August 28, 2013. His salary was first paid by the federal campaign on September 12, 2013. During the time he was on payroll for the state campaign he was also being reimbursed for federal campaign expenses during the same period. See Exhibit D. Once he was transitioned to the federal payroll, he was not paid from the state campaign account again.

See also Exhibit E where the Carter campaign reported on Facebook the employment of Phillip Fordham and Sarah Varadin in reference to a fundraising event in July 2013.

David Simons, a consultant for the Carter campaign, was also paid using nonfederal campaign funds while assisting with Buddy Carter's run for Congress. Please see Exhibit F for a news report which references his position on the Carter campaign (see highlights). Exhibits C, G, & I each show reports referencing expenditures paid to Simons & Associates from the nonfederal committee. Simons & Associates is a firm owned by David Simons. The only payment to Simons in 2013 from the federal campaign account was on November 20, 2013 for "printed invitations." See Exhibit H.

<u>Violation #3: Transfer of Nonfederal State Committee funds to a Federal Committee of the Same Candidate</u>

The Carter campaign reported a transfer of \$1000 from his nonfederal state senate campaign committee on March 31, 2014. Please see Exhibit I. This transfer violates the prohibition on transfers between federal and non-federal campaign committees of the same candidate contained in 11 C.F.R. § 110.3. It is also a violation of 11 C.F.R. §300.6 which prohibits expenditures and transfers in connection with a federal election with funds that are not subject to the limits, prohibitions, and reporting requirements of the Act.

Conclusion

The above are clear violations of the Act. In effect, the Carter campaign has been using nonfederal state committee funds to illegally support and supplement his run for Congress.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me if I can provide additional information that may be useful to the conduct of your investigation.

Sincerely,

Ryan M Reynolds, Complainant

I hereby swear and affirm that the facts presented in this complaint are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. Sworn pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

Ryan M. Reynolds

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of May, 2014.

Notary Public

My Commission expires: 4/13/16

Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report Itemized Contributions

Must list contributions received by a single contributor for which the aggregate total is more than \$100.00

Full Name of Contributor	Conti	lbutor		·	In-Kind Contributions	
Mailing Address (Affiliation of Committee if any)	Received Date Contribution Type	a. Occupation & b. Employer	Election Cycle	Cash Amount	Estimated Value Description	
Apollo Group, Inc 4025 S riverpoint Pkw ap cf-k501 Phoenix, AZ 85040	01/04/2013 Monetary		2013 General	\$500:00	\$0.00	
CARD of Georgia PO Box 725154 Atlanta, ga 31139	01/04/2013 Monetary		2013 Primary	\$250.13	\$0.00	
Consolidated Utilities 119 W Oglethorpe Ave Savannah, ga 31401	06/10/2013 Monetary		2013 Primary	\$250.00	\$0.00	
Cook, Terry 124 Walter Barrett Rd McRae, GA 31055	01/02/2013 Monetary	a. Nursing Home Owner b. Self employed	2013 Primary	\$2,300.00	\$0.00	
GA Hotel & Lodging Assoc. HotelPAC, Inc 233 Peachtree St NE Ste. 1400 Atlanta, ga 30303 (Hotel & Lodging Association)	01/08/2013 Monetary		2013 Primary	\$500.00	\$0.00	
GDA PAC PO Box 1928 Duluth, GA 30096	01/03/2013 Monetary		2013 Primary	\$200.00	\$0.00	
Georgia Dietetic Assoc. PAC 130 Woodcrest Dr Athens, ga 30606 (Georgia Dietetic Assoc.)	01/02/2013 Monetary		2013 Primary	\$250.00	\$0.00	
Georgia Food Industry Association 1260 Winchester Pkwy SE Ste 216 Smyrna, ga 30080	01/07/2013 Monetary		2013 Primary	\$500.00	\$0.00	

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American Pharmacy Cooperative PO Box 728 Bessemer, AL 35021	12/02/2013 Monetary		2014 Primery	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	
MAG Mutual Insurance Company PO Box 52979 Atlanta, ga 30355 (Medical Association of Georgia)	09/17/2013 Monetary		2014 Primary	\$500.00	\$0.00	
Suntrust Bank Good Government Group PO Box 4418 Atlanta, GA 30302	11/27/2013 Monetary		2014 Primary	\$250.00	\$0.00	

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Summary of Itemized Contributions Received

In-Kind Total for this period:

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Cash Contributions Total for this period:

\$2,750.00

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In-Kind Total for this period:

\$0.00

Cash Contributions Total for this period:

\$500.00

Sarah Vardian

Buddy Carter for Congress

Savannah, Georgia (Savannah, Georgia Area) Government Relations

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Sarah Vardian's Overview

Current Scheduler at Buddy Carter for Congress

Education Suffolk University

University of Rhode Island

Connections 8 connections

Sarah Vardian's Experience

Scheduler

Buddy Certer for Congress

June 2013 - Present (1 year) Savannah, Georgia Area

Sarah Vardian's Skills & Expertise

Media Relations Public Relations Fundraising Strategic Communications Press Releases Social Media Event Planning Nonprofits Event Management Political Campaigns Politics Volunteer Management.

Sarah Vardian's Education

Suffolk University

Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Political Science and Government

2010 - 2012

Grade: Cum Laude

University of Rhode Island

2008 - 2012

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Ralston for Representative PO Box 1196 Blue Ridge, GA 30513	10/30/2013 Expenditure		Campaign dunation	\$1,000.00
Republican Leadership Georgia 50 Hurt Plaza SE Suite 900 Atlanta, GA 30303	11/08/2013 Expenditure		Sponsorship	\$250.00
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The Georgia Peace Officer PO Box 1040 Reidsville, GA 30453	07/15/2013 Expenditure		Advertisement	\$200.00
The Georgia Report 566 Lukshore Dr Atlanta, GA 30307	11/05/2013 Expenditure		Subscription	\$199.00
Vardian, Sarah 1106 Drayton St Savannah, GA 31401	09/24/2013 Expenditure	a. Administrative Assistant b. Friends of Buddy Carter for Senate	Administrative Assistance	\$231.00
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State of Georgia Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report Summary of Itemized Expenditures Made

Paid Expenditures Total for this period:

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Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report Itemized Expenditures

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Georgia Senatorial Committee Inc PO Box 600 Dahlonega, GA 30533	01/10/2014 Expenditure		Caucus dues	\$250.00
Sarah, Vardian 1106 Drayton St Savannah, GA 31401	01/03/2014 Expenditure	a. Adminstrative Assistant b. Friends of Buddy Carter for Senate	Administrative Assistance	\$390.50
Vardian, Sarah 1106 Drayton St Savannah, GA 31401	01/14/2014 Expenditure	a. Administrative Assistant b. Friends of Buddy Carter for Senate	Administrative Assistance	\$429.00
Vardian, Sarah 1106 Drayton St Savannah, GA 31401	01/28/2014 Expenditure	a. Administrative Assistant b. Friends of Buddy Carter for Senate	Administrative Assistance	\$341.00

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Paid Expenditures Total for this period:

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SAVANNAH

Candidate Name

Office Sought:

State:

City

SAVANNAH

Candidate Name

Office Sought:

State:

City

SAVANNAH

Candidate Name

Office Sought:

State:

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Mailing Address 1106 DRAYTON

Purpose of Disbursement MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

BUDDY CARTER FOR CONGRESS

House

Senate

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District:

President

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District: Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

President

District: Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) SARAH J VARDIAN

Mailing Address 1106 DRAYTON

Purpose of Disbursement PAYROLL EXPENSE

C. SARAH J VARDIAN

Purpose of Disbursement PAYROLL EXPENSE

Mailing Address 1106 DRAYTON

President

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Carter's Pharmacy, Inc 1017 E Hwy 80 Suite 10 Pooler, GA 31322	04/01/2013 Expenditure		Postage	\$679.62
Carter's Pharmacy, Inc 1017 E Hwy 80 Suite 10 Pooler, GA 31322	06/26/2013 Expenditure		Postage	\$469.2 <u>0</u>
Casas, Ann 281 Galesbery Dr Lawrenceville, GA 30044	01/12/2013 Expenditure	a. Fundraiser b. Self employed	Fundraiser assistance	\$340.00
Cecil Staton for Senate PO Box 26427 Macon, GA 31221	06/21/2013 Expenditure		Campaign contribution	\$2,000.00
Dean Burke for Senate 1501 Milali Ave Bainbridge, GA 39819	01/20/2013 Expenditure		Campaign contribution	\$1,000.00
Fordham, Phillip 75 John Wesley Dobbs Apt 302 Atlants, GA 30303	04/24/2013 Expenditure	a. Student b. Self employed	Administrative assistance	\$1,200.00
Fordham, Phillip 245 John Wesley Dobbs Apt 205 Atlanta, GA 30303	06/05/2013 Expenditure	a. Student b. Self employed	Administrative Assistance:	\$1,750,00
Fordham, Phillip 75 John Wesley Dobbs Apt 302 Atlanta, GA 30303	06/26/2013 Expenditure	a. Student b. Self employed	Administrative help	\$500.00
Landmark Communications 11300 Atlantis Place Suite F Alpharetta, GA 30022	05/03/2013 Expenditure		Newsletter production and delivery	\$8,904.42
Loudermilk for Congress PO Box 447 Cartersville, GA 30123	06/21/2013 Expenditure		Campaign contribution	\$1,000.00

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Chatham County Republican Party 11 E 73rd St Savannah, GA 31405	10/05/2013 Expenditure		Annual meeting sponsorship	\$1,000.00
Deal for Governor PO Box 2495 Gainsville, GA 30503	07/17/2013 Expenditure	:	Campaign donation	\$1,000.00
Deal for Governor PO Box 2495 Gainsville, GA 30503	12/10/2013 Expenditure		Campaign donation	\$5,000.00
Fordham, Phillip 209 W Gordon Lane Savannah, GA 31401	07/30/2013 Expenditure	a. Administrative Assistant b. Friends of Buddy Carter for Senate	Administrative Assistance	\$500.00
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Fordham, Phillip 209 W Gordon Lane Savannah, GA 31401	08/28/2013 Expenditure	a. Administrative Assistant b. Friends of Buddy Carter for Senate	Administrative Assistance	\$500.00
Fordham, Phillip 209 W Gordon Lane Savannah, GA 31401	07/02/2013 Expenditure	a. Administrative Assistant b. Friends of Buddy Carter for Senate	Administrative Assistance	\$500.00
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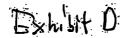
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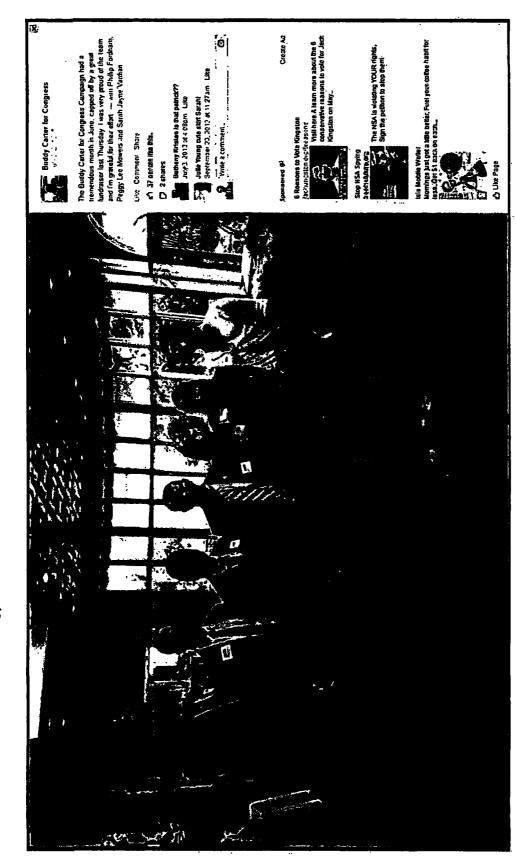
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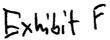
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Kingston to make Senate race official

Posted: May 2, 2013 - 12:56am

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By SEAN HORGAN

U.S. Rep. Jack Kingston is scheduled to make an announcement late this morning at the Waving Girl statue in Morrell Park along the Savannah River.

The setting should be an apt one, because the betting is heavy throughout Georgia political circles that the Savannah Republican will be waving hello to a run for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Saxby Chambliss.

If, as expected, Kingston formally announces for the race that will culminate in the 2014 election, he will become the third Republican to enter the fray, joining two Republican contemporaries from the Georgia delegation, U.S. Reps. Paul Broun and Phil Gingrey.

Kingston, who recently turned 58, has served as the congressman from Georgia's 1st Congressional District since 1993. He is scheduled to make similar announcements today in other parts of the state.

Kingston was mentioned early on as a potential candidate for Chambliss' seat but remained non-committal as Bourn and Gingrey entered the race. As recently as two weeks ago, Kingston said he was about a month away from deciding whether to run.

Kingston's actions, however, pointed to a formal candidacy. He spent the last two months traversing Georgia to test the level of interest in his candidacy and to lock up support.

He also raised money as a man aspiring to greater office, particularly in an off-election year for his House seat.

The most recent Federal Election Commission report showed Kingston raised \$842,580 in the first quarter of the year, leaving him with \$1,754,012 cash on hand.

Kingston also hired Republican pollster John McLaughlin of McLaughlin & Associates, a firm used in the past by Gov. Nathan Deal. And he hired a consultant for the first time in his political career, bringing on veteran Jeff Roe.

Beyond bringing the Senate race into clearer focus, Kingston's announcement of a formal candidacy would serve as a figurative starting gun for other local politicians looking to move up the political food chain.

State Sen. Buddy Carter, R-Pooler, the dean of the Chatham County delegation in the Georgia General Assembly, confirmed Wednesday that, if Kingston enters the Senate race, he will seek Kingston's seat in the U.S. House.

"We really want to be respectful to Jack and allow him this time in the spotlight," Carter said. "But we're going to announce Monday."



Carter already has filed a statement of organization with the Federal Elections Commission, naming Savannah accountant Carlton H. Hodges as the treasurer for Buddy Carter for Congress. He also has hired veteran Savannah political consultant David Simons and already put one poll in the field.

Others are eyeing the Kingston seat, as well.

Savannah resident David Schwarz, a former Kingston staffer and now the managing partner of the lobbying and economic development consulting firm of Pier Strategies, said Wednesday he has formed an exploratory committee to help him decide whether to run.

Jeff Chapman, the current state representative from Brunswick who resigned from the state Senate in 2010 to mount a failed bid for governor, also has been mentioned.

Darwin Carter, an Alma native who failed in bids for state agriculture commissioner in 2010 and the state House of Representatives in 2012, has announced he will run for Kingston's seat. To date, neither Chapman nor Darwin Carter has filed with the FEC.

Simons said the initial poll by the Budddy Carter organization, unverified by any objective polling, shows the state senator with a double-digit lead over the rest of the field of prospective candidates.

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Buddy Carter's pursuit of Kingston's congressional seat would open up his state senate seat, and state Rep. Ben Watson confirmed Wednesday he will run for the state's upper chamber if the Pooler Republican vacates the seat.

"If the dominos do fall, I will run for state senate,' Watson said. "If Buddy doesn't decide to run, I'll be happy to stay in the House where I am, where I'm very comfortable."

There will be no shortage of candidates for Watson's seat if he tries to move up, according to Simons, who said he already has signed up to lend his services to Skidaway Island native Jesse Petrea.

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Simons and Associates 11770 Haynes Bridge Rd Suite 205-352 Alpharetta, GA 30009	04/01/2013 Expenditure	Consulting fees	\$500.00
Simons and Associates 127 Sweet Baily Cove Savannah, GA 31410	01/12/2013 Expenditure	Consulting fees	\$500.00
Simons and Associates 127 Sweet Baily Cove Savannah, GA 31410	01/29/2013 Expenditure	St Patricks Day Ad	\$7.17.65

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State of Georgia Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report Summary of Itemized Expenditures Made

Paid Expenditures Total for this period:

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PAGE 89 OF FOR LINE NUMBER: Use separate schedule(s) (check only one) for each category of the ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS **X**17 19b 19a **Detailed Summary Page** 20a 20c Any information copied from such Reports and Statements may not be sold or used by any person for the purpose of soliciting contributions or for commercial purposes, other than using the name and address of any political committee to solicit contributions from such committee. NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full) **BUDDY CARTER FOR CONGRESS** Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION Date of Disbursement 10 31 Mailing Address 400 AIRWAYS AVENUE 2013 City Zip Code State Amount of Each Disbursement this Period SAVANNAH GA 31408 group of the region of the ending the second Purpose of Disbursement PARKING 48.00 002 Transaction ID: \$B17.6138 Candidate Name Category/ Type [MEMO ITEM] Office Sought: Disbursement For: 2014 Primary Senate General President Other (specify) State: District Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) **SHERATON - WDW DOLPHIN RESORT** Date of Disbursement M-M / 10-61/ Mailing Address 1500 EPCOT RESORT BLVD. 10 City State Zip Code Amount of Each Disbursement this Period LAKE BUENA VISTA FL 32830 والمرابعة الرابان المراسمية حراجي Purpose of Disbursement CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISER AT NAT'L PHARMACY CONVENTION 2234.20 003 Transaction ID: SB17.6187 Candidate Name Category/ Туре Office Sought: House Disbursement For: 2014 Senate Primary General President Other (specify) District: State: Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) C. SIMONS & ASSOCIATES Date of Disbursement M M / to To / / Y TT Mailing Address 127 SWEET BAILEY COVE City State Zip Code Amount of Each Disbursement this Period SAVANNAH GA 31410 Purpose of Disbursement PRINTED INVITATIONS 1812.34 003 Transaction ID : SB17.6130 . Candidate Name Category/ Type Office Sought: Disbursement For: 2014 House Senate **Primary** General Other (specify) President State: District: 4048.54 SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional).....

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Must list expenditures made to a single recipient for which the aggregate total is more than \$100.00

List Name and Mailing Address of Recipient	Expenditure Date Expenditure Type	Occupation & Employer	Expenditure Purposė	Amount Paid
Buddy Carter for Congress PO Box 10570 Savannah, GA 31412	03/31/2014 Expenditure		Donation	\$1,000.00
Carter's Pharmacy, Inc 1017 E Hwy 80 Suite 10 Pooler, GA 31322	03/31/2014 Expenditure		Postage:	\$507.26 ⁻
Committe to Elect Roger Lane 123 Shipmaster Dr Brunswick, GA 31523	03/11/2014 Expenditure		Donation	\$500.00
Monroe Marketing PO Box 14558 Savannah, GA 31416	03/24/2014 Expenditure		Advertising	\$3,063.40
Simons and Associates 127 Sweet Bailey Cove Savannah, GA 31410	03/10/2014 Expenditure		Consulting	\$1,000.00
Skidaway Island Republican Club 28 Shellwind Rd Savannah, GA 31411	02/10/2014 Expenditure		Banquet table sponsorship	\$250.00
Vardian, Sarah 1106 Drayton St Savannah, GA 31401	02/25/2014 Expenditure	a. Administrative Assistant b. Friends of Buddy Carter for Senate	Administrative Assistance	\$115,50

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Paid Expenditures Total for this period:

\$6,436.16

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